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Application No.: 10/824,589)	Group Art Unit: 2655
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Filed: April 15, 2004)	Confirmation No.: 6647
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Title: INFORMATION REPRODUCING)	
APPARATUS, INFORMATION)	
REPRODUCING METHOD, AND)	
RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH)	
INFORMATION REPRODUCTION)	
PROCESSING PROGRAM IS COMPUTER-)	
READABLY RECORDED)	

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

An European Search Report dated September 1, 2006 that issued in a corresponding European patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. The cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies of the cited documents are also attached hereto.

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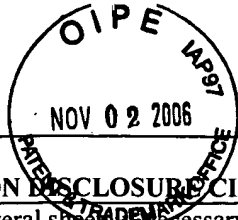
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